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The Honorable Joan M. Azrack United States District Judge United States District Court 920 Federal Plaza Central Islip, New York 11722

Re: United States v. Enayatullah Khwaja, et al

Docket No. 18-CR-607 (JMA)

United States v. Mahmoud Ali Barakat, et al Docket No. 18-CR-292 (S-1)(JMA)

## Dear Judge Azrack:

The government respectfully submits this letter in response to the fourth of six Court Orders issued from the bench on June 13, 2019 at a conference in the above-referenced cases. All six Court Orders directed the Government to take specified action by a date certain. The fourth Order directed the government to file a letter by July 13, 2019 setting forth the government's position regarding the status of (i) the return of Wireless Place records and the (ii) return of items seized in searches that were outside the scope of the search warrants.

Regarding the Wireless Place records, all identified Wireless Place records have been returned. Because Wireless Place records are often comingled with records of companies within the search warrant, additional records may be located and returned.

Regarding the return of items seized outside the scope of the search and the destruction of their images, if any, all items which have been identified as outside the scope of the search have been returned and all images of such items have been destroyed.

However, although an average of about eighteen agents and analysts have been examining items recently, there are still some images that have not been reviewed by agents.

Regarding those images, if any of those images are found to be outside the scope of the search warrants, the images of those devices will be destroyed.

At this time, the number of unimaged items, out of a total of hundreds, is limited. Our estimate, as of today, is that it includes (i) two laptops from Rana Rahimi for which accurate passwords have not been provided, (ii) three original servers that were not in operation at the time of the search that were seized from National Electronics and whose complex imaging procedure was discussed in the government's June 14 and June 21, 2019 letters, (iii) a few cell phones which require a manual examination because data extraction is not possible and (iv) a few DVRs that appear to be quite difficult to image and may be returned unimaged.

Respectfully submitted,

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